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COMBUSTIBLE STORAGE FOR RECYCLING

Outside Storage

Combustible storage in the open must be compact and orderly and not more than 20 feet in height. It must be stored at least 3 feet from any property line and must not be more than 6 feet in height when within 10 feet of a property line.

When kept adjacent to a building, all combustible storage must be stored in approved metal or metal-lined containers equipped with tight-fitting covers.

Commercial dumpsters that have an individual capacity of 1.5 cubic yards or more must be stored at least 5 feet from combustible walls, openings, or combustible eave lines of roofs, except when protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Inside Storage

Combustible storage is permitted in approved metal or metal-lined containers with tight-fitting covers and an individual capacity of less than 1.5 cubic yards.

NO STORAGE SHALL BE PERMITTED IN EXIT CORRIDORS OR STAIRS.

Loose combustible storage (not in suitable bales or packages) must be stored in approved rooms or vaults constructed of non-combustible material.

Loose combustible material of not more than 2,500 cubic feet may be stored in a detached "loose house" if suitable located and if used for no other purpose. The opening must be protected to prevent the entrance of sparks.

Baled Combustible Storage

Single blocks or piles must not exceed 25,000 cubic feet of material. They must be separated by aisles of 5 feet or more or by flash fire barriers.

Materials that tend to swell when wet must be stored to allow for expansion in any direction. There must be at least a 3-foot clearance between walls and sides of piles.

If the storage compartment is not more than 30 feet wide, a 18-inch side clearance will be sufficient, provided that at least a 5-foot center aisle is maintained.

A clearance of at least 3 feet must be maintained between sprinkler heads and the tops of piles.

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